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FAIR AND FIFTEEN. BY HOWARD GLYNDON.

She is the East, just ready for the sun Upon a cloudless morning. Oh, her cheek Hath caught the trick of the first delicate Which says earth's lightward footsteps have

And still her brow is like some Arctic height Which never full, knows the hot blush of She wears the seal of May, and not of June; She is the new day, furthest off from night!

Luring in promise of all daintiest sweetness— A bud with crimson rifting through its The large, clear eyes, so shy their lids ve hints of this dear wonder's neat complete

For, when the bud is fair and full like this, We know that there will be a queen of roses Before he cloister's emerald and gate uncloses And her true knight unlocks her with a kiss,

And gazing on the young moon, fashioned slightly—
A silver cipher inlaid on the blue—
For all that she is strange and alim and new,
We know that she will grow in glory nightly.

And dear to loving eyes as that first look The watcher getieth of the far white sail—
This new light on her face—she doth prevail
Upon us like rare, unopened book!
—Atlantic for July.

M'DOLE, THE MURDERER.

BEHIND THE BARS.

A VISIT TO M'DOLE IN PRISON-HIS PERSON-AL APPEARANCE AND LIFE HISTORY-THE PUBLIC FEELING REGARDING HIS GUILT. The Cincinnati Enquirer of the 26th inst.

gives the following interesting account of a I know he's cold-hearted and bad, anyhow; visit to the cell of the supposed murderer, William M'Dole: "On Wednesday night last an Enquirer reporter accomplished an "interview" under peculiarly solemn circumstances. He was kindly admitted by Louis Weitzel, the famous sheriff of Dearborn "without bail, to answer for the murder of ringing. It was only 8 o'clock, but already without the jail could be heard the murmuring of the fast gathering crowd of men who came to witness the lynching of the prisoner. He was to be taken, so ran the no wild rumor, with its only foundation in the in fact that such horrible things had been sugthe stake, or nailed to the floor, while the wretched and blood-stained hovel was given to the flames. The moon rays, as they scantily showed through the heavily barred window on the north, were wierdly suggestive of what the proposed ride to "the Bradley hut" and its tragic termination was to be, it consideraed merely from a dramatic stand-point. The professional instinct of the reporter was therefore naturally strongly aroused, and he was eager for "the last interview." As the sheriff went out momentarily, however, even his journalistic confidence was shaken for an instant, for while a triple barred iron door closed tightly behind him, the hastily introduced "Monster" towered a lank but brawny giant, in the dim lamplight before, standing erect in the corridor of the jail. What might not that man attempt for liberty, with the door unlocked and the road to freedom apparently blocked by only one life, when three had not stood as a straw

IN THE WAY OF HIS LUST!

The footstep of the sheriff behind showing that he was on the alert, and the calm, subdued tone of the prisoner, as he replied to our greeting, gave speedy reassurance. If he submits the question whether the prop-even William McDole was the fiend who erty held by the board in the city of Indisprang upon that defenceless woman and those tender girls, maddened with passion as affected by the general law approved and liquor, and reveled like a hyena in their December 21, 1872, is before me. The Indiana blood, a change had come over him. There stood there only a long, bony, well-knit man, of a type common in Eastern and Western Tennessee, and as self-possessed as if there were no avengers on his track, no bloodhounds even then giving tongue within hearing. He readily stood up nearer to the coal-oil dip that flared weakly on the ten of the store of the state. The officers are required by law to make reports to the legislature, etc. The third section of the act of 1865, (1 G. & H. p. 7) provides that the real and personal estate the top of the stove, to let us have a look at judge. The long, attenuated jaws widen as the forehead is reached, and there are strong indications of an average brain, lost and stupefied by vice, ignorance and disuse, it may be, but still an average, or more than an average brain. We do not startle the man by over-anxiety to make him talk, but did the talking, and questioned him indirectly and gradually, for he was reputed wary and faciturn, and had baffled every attempt so far. Convinced finally that no unfriendly errand, spoke freely in answer interrogation. He was a Buckeye—not a Tennesseean. He did not know his "A B C." When a boy "no to Fileshee town," he had been once in the Second Reader, but he stuttered badly, and the other boys and girls would laugh, and so the teacher would hurry past his turn. he stand a great deal? No; a very little got the best of bim. He didn't understand

THEY HAD CHOKED HIM OFF. He could tell the whole story-in his own way. Would he do it for a friend? Yes. How then did he account for his whereabouts on Monday night and Tuesday? He was at home at 10 o'clock Monday night. Where on Tuesday? He was at home on Tuesday. All day Tuesday! He was home on Tuesday. Half the town could swear that he often lay low a whole day. Why should any one have seen him? Then that man, Truitt, who had sworn about the turning-up of his pants; he had said there were two turns, and there never was but one (showing the one turn). clear of this thing. O, yes; but when that would not satisfy, would he tell them where he was on Tuesday? He'd tell them he was clear of this thing. At this point the sheriff clear of this thing. At this point the sheriff bade the prisoner enter his cell, No. 3, on bade the prisoner enter his cell, No. 3, on the right of the low tier of ceil-rooms in the iron-bound corridor. As he looked out to say good night, and having asked for a newspaper to use as a fan, received a palm-leaf. We asked him if he appreciated that the was in a dangerous position? He he was in a dangerous position? He second to enable the citizens to entertain replied, with the only show of excitement the visitors. replied, with the only show of excitement manifested since his arrest, "I know that there is a God, and I can pray." The Sheriff, acting on this hint, said, "Billy, if you want to talk to a minister, say so." The prisoner replied, "I want to do what's right something was wrong, sure." He went on to say that he had once joined church "up to say the matter?" I said Amos had done in the favor care and put he doton, and Berry asked him, "What was the matter?" Golibart said, "You do not kiel the favor and william of the large and jury of Baltimore city presented

It is to be hoped that the gost che in additional in the work and william of the large and william of the large and william of the work a

"It's an awful thing to accuse a man o. One's own blood cousins, too." Throughout the interview the prisoner's face would have baffled shrewder physiognomists than were we. We had once or twice heard guilty men, similarly situated, talk as innocently, else we would have sworn that he was "clear of this thing," in spite of

THE SHOE TRACKS,

the new clothes, the lustful threats and all low the clue. As we left the corridor the now anxious face of the prisoner pressed close and left the darkling highways, under whose every bridge "the masked mob" were was supposed to be lurking, in condition to suggest a deed of lawless horror, done in the name of justice. The Seymour men and the men from Newton, or from the country laid whose interest is most at stake, were alternately named as the ones to be expected. But as the morning came, a representative man-one of those many whose unwonted absence from their usual haunts had given the observing people the idea that McDole was doomed—expressed to the crowd the real secret of the leniency of the

him hanged, and so would others; but we wouldn't like to do it ourselves, you see, because they haven't proved it on him; no, not by a damned sight. Why, if he'd been A MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER they couldn't have held him on the evicounty, Indiana, into the presence of Wil- dence." The speaker expressed the feeling county, Indiana, into the presence of Wil-liam McDole, committed that very afternoon of all the substantial, earnest men of the "without bail, to answer for the murder of county; the class of men whose desires the had been killed, a large crowd gathered insheriff would hardly resist, except passively. the Bradley family," with the horror of The guilt of William McDole has not been which deed the country-side was yet proved. It is their desire that it shall be clear that he did the foul crime laid at his door before they will lift their hands, and even then they wish only to shorten the law's delays. Meanwhile there is no personal feeling of vengeance in Lawrenceburg, except in the breast of poor Bradley, half crazed by excitement, and we believe justice will be allowed was about two inches in length, and the beautiful control with the base been drawn out of the gested, to the lonely cabin where the man-gled corpses of the woman and her children to take her slow, but sure, course. When knife seemed to have been drawn out of the the dawn of Thursday came the crisis was over. The sunlight that fell into the corri- blows reached the head of the humerus, cutder of the jail came like a blessing to the eyes of the prisoner, albeit it was crossed with ominous shadows. It penetrated the lonesome glen where "the Bradley cabin" lies, and reddened the blood-stains with a promise that they should not be forgotten. The other wound was through the bicepe It came also to the awakening town, timehealed of the shock of the murder, with the whisper: Wait! There is always a tomorrow. The law is sacred, aye, and stern. artery. This wound also might produce Let it take its course. It is better that an death, but was not necessarily fatal, in case hundred guilty should escape than that one innocent man should die for another's crime.

EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

the disgraceful death of the felon.

communication from Gov. Hendricks, says: Yours enclosing a communication addressed to you by Alexander Heron, Esq., secretary of the state board of agriculture, in which anapolis is exempt from taxation under a provision of the act approved March 3, 1865, state board of agriculture was created by the act of February 14, 1851 (acts 1851, pp. 6 to 9.) It is to all intents and purposes a state insti-tution, created for the purpose of advancing 7) provides that the real and personal estate of said board shall be exempt from taxation." his head. No semi-idiot there, if we be a The section also requires the county of Marion and the state to refund to the board the taxes collected during the years 1862, 1863 and 1864. The first section authorized the board to purchase not exceeding 80 acres of land for the purpose of holding state fairs. They filled the streets, and when driven and other uses of the board. The seventh by the heat of the sun from the prison's section of the act of December 21st, 1872, (acts 1872, p. 58) provides, that the following a nong other property shall be exempted opposite, or pressing up the side alleys of the from taxation, viz., the property of the prison contented themselves with glimpses United states and of this state. The state of what was going on inside. contributes \$1,500 per annum to support of the state board agriculture. The statute of above referred to exempting the property from taxation is not repealed by any provision in 1872. The general, repealing clause only repeals such acts as are in con-flict with its provisions, and there is no provision in the act of 1872 conflicting with Would he take a drink from our flask? No, the provisions of the act of 1865. The act thank you; well, a little, then (taking a of 1872 provides that certain property therevery ordinary pull at the fine brandy profin named shall be exempt from taxation. in named shall be exempt from taxation. fered.) He was not a hard drinker. Could But does this provision by implication ex- and intelligent looking men. Preceded by clude from exemption such property as was the coroner they went from the room where by express provision of law exempt from the justice holds his court to the area of the much about courts. When he had held up taxation at the time it was passed? It prison, between the main building and the bis hand and sworn that day would seem clear that it does not. I, there-prison cells, and viewed the body as it laid fore, conclude that the property in question cannot be taxed for state, county or city wounds in the shoulder and arm, telling purposes for the reasons given.

THE EVANSVILLE RACES.

SOME OF THE HORSES THAT WILL APPEAR. EVANSVILLE, IND., June 27 .- The entries for the Evansville races have closed with about fifty horses. Some of the best in the whole country are among them, including Goldsmith Maid and Judge Fullerton, who Goldsmith Maid and Judge Fullerton, who trot a match race on July 2d. There are to be five races on the 4th with Bay Harry, Sucker State, Charley Evans, Grey Harry, T. Clay Maddox was the first witness exampulling a bloody knife from his pocket and Sucker State, Charley Evans, Grey Harry, T. Clay Maddox was the first witness exam-Tom Crowder and others, in the pacing race: Budd Doble's Elia Wright, Ida

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER.

THE AMOS-McDONALD TRAGEDY.

YOUNG INDIANIAN GUILTY OF MURDER-THE STABBING AFFRAY IN BALTIMORE-THE TES-TIMONY OF EYE-WITNESSES-A SKETCH OF SAMUEL W. MCDONALD, THE MURDERER. The Baltimore Gazette of the 23d, 24th

and 25th instants gives a detailed account those other frail links which the state had of a shocking tragedy in that city, welded together in a broken-far from an in which a young man of Terre Haute is arraigeed as the guilty party:

Last night the Sherwood House, southeast corner of Harrison and East Fayette
streets, was the scene of a dreadful tragedy, which ended in the fatal stabbing of the who cut him, and he said "Sam McDonaid;" unbroken-chain of circumstantial evidence. Haute is arraigned as the guilty party: Once or twice during the half hour we were with him he had talked incoherently about some evidence which was, or could have been, produced at his divorce trial in proof streets, was the scene of a dreadful tragedy, of his wife's infidelity, but we could not fol- which ended in the fatal stabbing of the well-known character about town, Berry Amos, It seems that Amos, William Carroll than six inches wide, was a pitful sight, for and another young man were drinking in we went out to a crowd that was thirsting the Sherwood House, when Samuel McDonfor his blood. They hung around all night, a ald and other young men entered. Some score or more lingered even long after the late moon had sunk behind the westen hills, a row between Amos and others, and a scuille took place, and Amos was shoved over toward the washstand, and was heard to exclaim: "McDonald, don't cut me any more." He was carried to the Russell House, where he was upon the floor in front of bar, and where Mr. Russell paid him every attention. A physician was summoned, but the unfortunate man died in a few minutes after the arrival of the physcian. He lived about half an hour after receiving the cuts. His body was placed in a wagon and conveyed to the Middle District station. Immediately after the affray Samuel McDonald was arrested, by people of Dearborn county: "You see," said he, "I am convinced he's the man, and Officer T. Brown and carried to the Middle District station, where he was locked up to await the results of the injuries to Amos. and I would be willing to stand by and see He preceded the body of the murdered man only about half an hour, and in the mean-time a large number of the friends of McDonald gathered at the station house, but Lieutenant Buswick, in charge, would not permit any of them to have an interview with him. As soon as this was made known the crowd side and outside of the station house, and some few of his friends were permitted to view his body, which was lying on a bench in the yard of the station, just in front of the row of cells in which McDonald was confined. His shirt was off, and the wound which caused his death was plainly to be seen in the left shoulder. It was a fearful

down into the cavity, evidently cutting the subclarian artery. This was necessarily A FATAL WOUND. muscle of the left arm, cutting entirely through the arm and severing the brachial artery. This wound also might produce of prompt surgical attention. The physique ner. W. F. McKewen, Esq., clerk of the Criminal Court, was present at the station with a bench warrant for the arrest of man, about 35 years of age, of splendid physical and muscular development. He was originally from Richmond, Va., and came here after the war, and has followed NY.

Attorney General Denny, in response to a stepson. He was very popular with his associates, and was looked upon as an "inoffensive big man." The Gazette of the 24th inst. says: The morning after the 24th inst. says: The morning after the walked with a light, careless step; his face murder of Berry Amos broke in all the beauty of a summer morning, but at he shook hands with a friend cordially, the Middle District Station it beamed upon and seemed entirely careless about the one of the most terrible pictures of the consequence of profligacy and crime, far out-vying in color and shadow Dubufe's picture of the prodigal son, lacking not the element of wicked women to fill up the picture of profligacy and ruin. Berry Amos, the strong and stalwart man; he who the day before was of all in the city one of the day before was of all in the city one of the most noted for his fine physique, lay still and stark in the prison yard, while in the grated cell, almost within the reach of the dead body, stood the alleged murderer, the young man of wealth, education and position, the grandson of one of Maryland's best beloved children, the heir to large wealth, the favorite of fortune from his a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has a place at Terre Haute, at which he has earliest hours. On the outside pressed the friends of both parties in hundreds eager for

ting a fragment off; the other penetrated

admission and eagerly discussing THE TRAGIC AFFAIR.

by the heat of the sun from the prison's front, they sought shelter under the houses

About 9 o'clock the coroner, Dr. E. R. Walker, arrived, and shortly after A. Leo Knott, Esq., appeared for the state, and Hon. William Pinkney Whyte-terribly oppressed and overcome by the affair, which had so sadly enwrapped in its dark folds the name and fame of his former ward -and John J. Poe, Esq., appeared for the latter. About 9:30 o'clock the coroner, Dr. E. R. Waiker, administered the oath to the tollowing jurors whom he had summoned to act as a jury of inquest. The jury were all young stretched before them with the gaping plainly the story of his death.

until Dr. Walker, Dr. T. Clay Maddox and Dr. Alexander Hill made a post-mortem ex amination of the body of the murdered man. In about half an hour the doctors had finisned their examination, and the body was

THE POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION.

The jury remained in the justice's room

ined. He testified as to the result of the What would he do if a committee of citizens would wait on him? He'd tell them he was clear of this thing. O. yes; but when that trot, including Jim Fisk, of Indianapolis. shortly after Heary Golibart, Wm. Clark, and Samuel McDonald came in; Golibart

what he has done, mind your own bust-ness; "saw McDonald strike Amostwo blows, and Amos ran out crying "murder" and "watch;" I ran after him, and Golibart came veyed them to the sheriff's office, and accomup with a brick in his hand; I said "you have sip with a brick in his hand; I said "you have given him enough," and on showing him my hands bloody from the wound in the shoulder of Amos, he dropped the stone and left; I walked with Amos back to the Sherwood House corner and on arriving there he became faint and I called on Billy Carroll to help me with him; we started for Laroque's drug store, but, though we wrang the bell several times, we could not get in; we then went to Russell's, at the opposite corner of Market I made him say it twice; he asked us to take off his gatters, which was done, and we poured water on his head; shortly after he died. In response to a question from the coroner the witness said—I saw a weapon in McDonald's hand; saw him strike Amos and then break through the crowd. In answer to a juror as to whom he had seen strike Amos, he replied "Sam McDonald."

STILL ANOTHER EYE WITNESS. William Carroll, residing at No. 118 E. Pratt street, was the next witness. He testified as follows: My name is William B. Busey, but go by the name of William Carroll for family reasons; was at the Rennert House last night, and took a drink with Amos, who invited me to ride down in his carriage as far as the Sherwood House with him. I did so, and while in the Sherwood House McDonald, Golibart and others came in; Amos said, "Let everybody take a drink;" I heard a scuffle, turned around and saw Golibart and Clark attacking Amos; Mr. Bowman, in charge of the house ran from behind the bar and took hold of me and I said to him "Let me go, I am protecting your house;" I saw McDonald run up with some bright thing in his hand and strike Amos twice; I think Golibart commenced the row; was with Amos at his death, and was holding his head in my arms when he died; we poured ice water on his head; a minute before he died, he said, "McDonald cut me!" three times. Governor Whyte asked permission to state to the jury that the examination of the witnesses was entirely ex parte, and that the counsel for the defense could not make any statement or examine any witnesses. The of the knife will furnish an important link jury was then left to themselves, in the chain of testimony. in about an half hour determined on the following verdict: "That he came to his death by s wound from some sharp instrument in the hand of Samuel W. McDonald." The verdict was received with great interest by the the station house.

At 12.30 o'clock the prisoner, Samuel W. McDonald, was brought out of the cell which he had eccupied since the hour of his

arrest, and, in charge of detective Mitchell and Pontier he was conveyed to the city jail to await the action of the grand having been committed by the coro-McDonald, issued by the Criminal Court on willful murder, with a commitment from Sheriff Albert, which would have been jury had investigated the case. As Mc-Douald passed through the station-house, he earnestly denies his guilt, and says he had nothing whatever to do with stabbing Amos. and feels entirely confident that his innocence will be made manifest. He accepts his trouble and imprisonment as a nece consequence of a night's debauch, and it apparently worries him to no greater exspent most of his time since his majority. and came to the city to look after a law case in which he was interested and was waiting here its determination be-fore returning to Terre Haute. He is a son of the late William McDonald, the owner of Flora Temple, and grandson of General McDonald, one of the most distinguished citizens of Baltimore. His mother is quite ill at Nice, France. Yester day, while in his cell, he was visited by his surviving grandfather, the venerable Mr. Thompson, and by Governor Whyte. He declared his innocence to those gentlemen in the most emphatic manner. On the night of his death, Amos with a party of young men, visited Pennsylvania avenue and became involved in a fight in a saloon. Two efficers entered, and Officer Hush was struck in the back of the neck. One arrest was made, and Justice McCaffrey released the party arrested yesterday morning on peace bond. Amos and the remainder of the party then started down town, when he met his death. A few weeks ago Amos rented a saloon on West Fayette street, next to Ulman's bank, and after obtaining cigars and other goods on credit, he closed the establishment. He was popular with his associates, however, and they all spoke of him yesterday in terms of regret. His funeral, doubtless, will be largely attended to-day. Few affars that have occurred in Baitimore have excited more interest than this tragic affair. The well known character of Samuel McDonald, his family connections and his wealth, and the equalty well known character of the murdered man, made the murder a topic of conversation in every circle of society. The friends of McDonald hooted at the idea of his being the murderer. handing it to a friend; and further, that there was no blood in the saloon at Sher-The friends of Amos, on the contrary, de-nounce the murder as a cold blooded, delib-erate act on the part of McDonald, who, they claim, showed every disposition to become a murderer by a savage attack he made on Joseph Legg, of this city, some months ago, beating him over the head so badly as to confine him to his bed for sixteen days. The action of the grand jury to day will be watched with interest. The Gazatte of the

rants were issued for their arrest by the criminal court, and Deputy Marshal Frey took both the young men in custody. He conveyed them to the sheriff office, and accompanied by Sheriff Albert conveyed them to the city jail, where they were placed in seperate cells on the ithe same tier as that of McDonald. McDonald yesterday still preserved his air of indifference and self-possession. He is treated precisely as other prisoners, being locked up in his cell all the time except for three-quarers of an hour in the morning and afternoon, when he is allowed to exercise in the corridor fronting the row of cells in which he is confined. Several friends called to see him yesterday, among them his lawyer, Hon. W. Pinkney Whyte and a minister of the gospel. Some friends have supplied him with a pillow, a mattress, an easy chair, a water cooler and some toilet articles, and he receives his meals from the warden's table, a privilege allowed any prisoner who has the means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of means to pay for his own board, instead of minimal court, and Deputy McMars and Engrand Charge A content of the Chicago Times writing from Parkersburg, West Virginia, gives the following chapter in the life of the woman whom the Grand Duke Nicholas has just made so notorious: "The publication in eastern papers of some items in the history of Mrs. Lizzie Blackford Feenix, need by as the heroine of the recent diamond afternoon, when he is allowed to exercise in the corridor fronting the row of cells in woman whom the Grand Duke Nicholas has just made so notorious: "The publication in eastern papers of some items in the history of Mrs. Lizzie Blackford Feenix, need the acrondation of the recent diamond afternoon, when he is allowed to exercise in the city of St. Peters-in the city of St. Peters-in the city of Mrs ceives his meals from the warden's table, a privilege allowed any prisoner who has the means to pay for his own board, instead of eating the fare provided by the city. He is suffering still from the effects of intoxicating drink, and is under medical treatment, as he is not allowed to have any strong liquor of any kind, the use of liquor being prohibited in the prison. He is very reticent on hibited in the prison. He is very reticent on the subject of the murder of which he is invitation to her daughter's friend and associated in the prison. the subject of the murder of which he is invitation to her daughter's friend and asso-

AN IMPORTANT PACT n connection with the murder of Amos has rooms on Liberty street. By an extraordi-nary bad run of luck the bank was broken. McDonald wished to obtain the furniture to send to a similar estab ishment at Terre Haute, but on his sending for it he found that Amos had called in a dealer in second hand furniture and sold out the entire place to him. Ever since then a bad feelng has existed between him and McDonald, which was manifested a few days ago and virtue gave way and swept on in wan-on an excursion down the river, but the parties did not come to blows. A few nights ago McDonald displayed a large bowie-knife in a drinking saloon in the western section of the city. The authorities are dilgently searching for the knife which in-licted the fatal wounds on Amos, and they

THE ILLINOIS BENDERS. STRANGE FAMILY HISTORY-MYSTERIOUS

DISAPPEARANCES. The Chicago Times of the 26th large crowd in the station and in front of brings to light a tragedy in that state. A correspondent writes from Tallula; The Reams family-of Cass county, and belonging to Ashland and not Tallula, of Menard county, as has been erroneously stated by the papers of Chicago and St. Louis—have glaried in wholesale murder and larceny for the last two years without suspicion or detection. The first case of murder or poisoning was done by an older sister, who poisoned her busband some two years ago in Virginia, Cass county. Her object, as was proved by her letter to her paramour, was to get rid of her hus-McDonald, issued by the Criminal Court on the oath of officer Crosby, on the charge of the oath of officer Crosby, on the charge of Thousands of dollars were spent by the willing murder, with a commitment from Sheriff Albert, which would have been brought into requisition had the coroner's the Reams farm in a mysterious manner, with a variet against him is a mysterious manner. the pursuit of gambling. He leaves a fam-ily in this city, consisting of his wife and jury failed to find a verdict against him, in order that he might be held until the grand heard from. The Reams brothers owed him for a year's work, some \$300. Nothing was thought of it at the time, as the family were members of the Methodist church of the neighborhood, and highly respected by those who did not know them too well. Since this time they have been accused of stealing watches, money, and hogs from their relatives and neighbors. The last cr. waing act and the most dastardly murder that has ever occurred in central Illinois, was committed by Albert Reams on Thursday af-ternoon, June 11. He and a hired man by ternoon, June 11. He and a hired man by the name of £. Parr were cutting small brush that was growing around stumps in a cornfield. About 2 o'clock Reams came to his house and kissed his wife and child good-bye, saying he was going out to hunt a hand, as the one he had had left. Nothing was suspected until late that night. His wife, becoming alarmed at his not returning, aroused the neighbors, who searched the remainder of the night for him. As Parr bad disappeared, suspicions were rife that Reams had peared, suspicions were rife that Reams had been toully dealt with. His whereabouts were not learned until Friday noon, when it was ascentained that he had taken a freight train at Ashland for Jacksonville, with the intention of securing a hand. Nothing more was thought of it until Sunday, when

his wife received a letter, without date or name, saying what he had done was DONE IN SELF DEPENSE. Mrs. Reams recognized the writing as that of premises, and a bloody axe was found, with hair on it, near by where Reams and the man had been at work. The ground did not indicate that there had been any struggle but marks and blood were found indicating that a body had been dragged along the ground for distance, and then thrown over nee into an adjoining woods, owned by Samuel Sinclair. The remains of a man were found, but beyond recognition-as were hogs in the field, print of the feet in the mud, as it had rained at the stumps, stood in the same tracks with his toes, pointing toward the stump, whilst behind his were tracks pointing the same way. Blood and hair were found on the stump. Reams was last seen in Spring-

A NOTORIOUS WOMAN.

ciate, Miss Ely, to accompany her. Nothing loath to a visit and trolic in the South, she came, and soon became the center of attracn connection with the murder of Amos has connection with the murder of Amos has tion of admiring beaux and the envy of less favored belles. With a form ence of a bad feeling between himself and McDonald. It appears that several years ago McDonald furnished Amos and another party with money to establish gambling softness of her lily-hued skin inspired with manners winning, yet modest, the satsny softness of her lily-hued skin inspired with burning fevor the ardent blood of all the young Lotharios bere. At Philadelphia she was demure as a kitten, mild as a pet lamb, and circumspect as a staid matron, yet withal a slumbering volcano of passion. No sooner had she reached Parkersburg than the flood-gates of her passion broke loose, and like the waters of the Massachusetts dam, the loosely cemented walls of prudence

> MADE ROME HOWL. as the Bowery tragedians have it, and on

one occasion took a pleasure trip with a party of ladies and gentlemen on the steamer Potomac, to Cincinnati, when she punished so much wine that her bon-mots made the ladies blush and the gentlemen titter, and the chaperones of the party deemed it necessary to place her in charge of the col-ored fiddler, who locked her in a stateroom and stood sentinel during the silent watches of the night. Some said she was imprudent; of course women of an uncertain age declared she was a bold hussy; the boys thought she was gushing; her friends christened her conduct as eccer Be this as it may, she was not watchful lations with a gay young man neither creditable or praiseworthy, nor exctly fit to be recorded in this history. Accordingly, Mrs. Ely was sent for, and decided, after due deliberation, to repair to Philadelphia with her amorous charge. But the young lady had marriage on the brain, and with a per-sistency worthy of Miss Prue in the play, who exclaimed "It is well they got me a husband or, ecod I'd a-married the baker," she determined to risk it. Reaching and Ohio railroad, she feigned sickness, and telegraphed for a gentleman who had been paying her his addresses—a Mr. Beal Black-ford, connected with one of the first families ford, connected with one of the first families of the town, and at that time occupying the position of ticket agent in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company—"to come on and marry her." Blackford, vastly preferring to repose in the green pastures of matrimonial bliss to browsing longer on black and lonely moors of bachelordom, repaired to Oakland with a Mr. Jack Cuthbert—army contractor for the purchase of mules and horses—a jovial companion and boon chuca of Blackford.

Cuthbert poured the oil of kindness and sympathy over the troubled waters of Mrs. Ely's sorrow; hoped Miss Ely would soon recover, and be herself again, while Blackford hied away to the priest's and the gushing Miss Ely became Mrs. Blackford. Returning to this city, she and her husband immediately took loogings with Mrs. Saun-ders, and afterward with a Mrs. Littleboy. But searce was the honeymoon done and the battle of life in earnest begun, when Mr. Blackford discovered that his wife was a genuine female thoroughbred. He had hen taken a position in the Northwestern bank as teller, now known as the Parkersburg National. She joined Trinity (Rev. Mr. Hyland's Episcopal church, and shortly after her only child was baptized there. Suspicious eyes glanced askance at her, and her old babits of dissipation clung to her. She could not subdue her love for strong drink. Frequent jers, bickerings and quarrels ensued, and one Sunday morning, her husband not appearing at breakfast, she replied that he was out late the night before. The servant was unable to awake him, and called her. She went to his bedside and found him stiff and cold in death. This fact announced physicians were summoned, who pronounced

that he had been dead some hours.

But strange to relate, Mr. Beverly Smith, the eashier of the same bank, and Mr. Steele Smith, his son, a book-keeper, and intimate with Mrs. Blackford, were each found dead and in their beds within a year. The public were the body was nearly eaten up by suspicious then, and whispered, but did not them. The head was entirely several ered from the body and part of the skull citizens openly declare that they never had gene. What was left of the skull clearly a doubt that Baal Blackford, at least, met showed it had been cut open with an axe. his death by poison. From this city she re-The only evidence that the killing was not paired to Philadelphia, left her boy with done in self-defense was the mark or imher mother, laid in wait for rich young men and armorous old bachelors, and in the morning. The man employed wore made all pay the fiddler who moceasins, and, in the working and cutting danced at her court. At the watering places she was known as the gay and pretty widow Blackford, and so adroit were her schemes, so modest and suspicion-disarming her ways, that many's the unwary she lured the stump. Reams was last seen in Spring-field and had ample time to make his escape. Had it not been for the letter, his not proba-ble the murder would have been discovered. Cass county has offered a reward of \$500 for his arrest. Rumor has at that since the above murder wood's, which demonstrates conclusively to their minds the fact that Amos was stabbed outside by some one in the crowd. Rumor has it that since the above murder the rounds of the press, that while she was to their minds the fact that Amos was stabbed outside by some one in the crowd. She gave disappea ed so mysteriously. An old well him a seat, revived his drooping had been filled up in a day or two after his spirits with her never-flagging tongue, disappearance, and a hay stack built over caught his bedimmed eye by the delicacy the filled well. Levi Reams, an older of her attentions, and so administered to his brother, learning of the authorities' inten- repose and comfort that the old gentleman tion, fled the country, and was arrested at mistook her for a Florence Nightingale-an Beardstown, some thirty mites from his home. Should the remains of a man be tound it will go hard with them, as the citi zens of this neighborhood have taken great story did not appear for some time, and it interest in the unraveling of this mys ery. may suggest that there is a similar flavor